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Nation breaks ground for grocery store



Oklahoma Gov. Frank Keating (third from right) was among a host of people helping to break ground for FireLake Discount Foods on Dec. 8. Pictured with him are, from left, Deputy Administrator Bob Trousdale, Business Committeeman Hilton Melot, Secretary-Treasurer Gene Bruno, Vice Chairman Linda Capps, Gov. Keating, Chairman John A. "Rocky" Barrett, and store manager Terry O'Rorke. Below is the architect's drawing of the front of the new grocery store, which will face Gordon Cooper Drive across from tribal headquarters.



By GLORIA TROTTER

TECUMSEH COUNTYWIDE NEWS & SHAWNEE SUN

It's official — the long-rumored Citizen Potawatomi Nation grocery store will become reality in about a year.

Ground was broken Dec. 8 for FireLake Discount Foods, an 82,000-square-foot, state-of-the-art supermarket which will soon take shape at the corner of Gordon Cooper Drive and Hardesty Road between Tecumseh and Shawnee.

The \$8.5 million store, described by Potawatomi chairman John A. "Rocky" Barrett as "the anchor" for what could well become an extensive shopping center at a "strategic shopping location," is designed to offer discount pricing along with full service to the public. In addition to a large grocery operation, the facility will include the tribe's convenience store, a food court, bakery, free-standing florist, one-hour photo processing center, and a branch of the tribally owned First National Bank.

"We think we will have an offering that will appeal to people over a wide area," Barrett said. He said the tribe expects the store to draw from as far away as Ada, especially from the South Pottawatomie County area. "Tecumseh is one of the fastest growing cities in Oklahoma," Barrett noted, "and only has one grocery store." People in the south end of the county, he said, "the old Potawatomi reservation area," must now travel a long way to shop.

Barrett said the tribe conducted extensive market research before deciding to go ahead with the store. "We've been talking about this for years," he said. The Potawatomi government began actively working on it about a year ago when the tribe hired Terry O'Rorke, then manager of Pratt Foods in Tecumseh. While running the tribe's original convenience store, he has been coordinating the planning for the new store, which he will manage.

"Without Terry, we would not have considered a project of this size," Barrett said. "He's experienced, he's smart and he knows the market." Barrett said their research showed that about 45 percent of

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Season's
Greetings



TRIBAL TRACTS

Walking on

Robert LeRoy Sorrell

Robert LeRoy Sorrell, 72, passed away September 12, 1999 in Denver, Colorado.

He was born September 13, 1926 in Denver. He was the son of Grace M. (Doud) Campbell, who was a descendant of Ne-ghan-be-quaa and Peter



Bellaire, James and Angeline Acton, and LeRoy Doud. He served as a sergeant in the 11th Army Air Corps during W.W.II. He married Mary Ann Lareau in

1948 and worked for the Public Service Co. of Colorado for 39 years.

He is survived by his loving wife; son, Robert Lee Sorrell; daughters, Deborah Galow and Carol Jean Castle; four grandchildren; and sisters, Louise Hammack and Marian Coleman.

Mr. Sorrell was the family historian. He inspired many of us to seek and learn more about our Potawatomi heritage and customs. He also loved all forms of Indian art and enjoyed sharing this with others. Let us honor his memory by nurturing our Potawatomi heritage.

Eliza Marie Tescier Maritt

Eliza Marie Tescier Maritt, 88, died October 17, 1999 at Midwest Regional Hospital, Midwest City, Oklahoma.

A resident of Autumn House II in Midwest City, she was born March 8, 1911, at Choctaw, Oklahoma, and lived there most of her life. Preceding her in death were her parents, John Isadore Tescier and Alice May Smith, a baby Maritt; siblings Clara Louise Lane, Lelia Tescier, May Violet Tescier, baby Tescier, Pauline Whisenant, Hattie Margaret Moore, John William Tescier, Catherine Elizabeth Bourlon, and George Anthony Tescier.

She is survived by her children, Melvin Glen Maritt and wife Shirley of Del City, Frances Marie Gordon and husband Carl of Del City, L.R. (Bud) Maritt and wife Rilla of Oklahoma City, C.A. (Champ) Maritt of Luther, Oklahoma; one sister, Celestine Senora (Cis) Konechney of Choctaw, eight grandchildren, nine great-grandchildren and many, many dear cousins, nieces, nephews and friends.

Marie was a Potawatomi tribal member. Her paternal grandparents were Antoine Tescier and Elizabeth Catherine Bourbonnais, and her maternal grandparents were William Henry Smith and Eliza Marriah Darling. Marie was very proud that her eldest son Mel once served as Vice Chairman of the Citizen Potawatomi Nation. Marie Maritt was a child care worker at the First Baptist Church of Choctaw, Oklahoma for many years, as well as a long-time member, and was more recently a faithful member of Carter Park Baptist Church of Del City, Oklahoma.

Services were held at 1:00 p.m. Wednesday, October 20, 1999 at Carter Park Baptist Church, with burial at Elmwood Cemetery in Choctaw, Oklahoma.

Earl Lee White

McCloud resident Earl Lee White died Thursday, October 28, 1999 in an Oklahoma City hospital. He was 46.

Mr. White was born on December 27, 1952, in Shawnee, the son of Glenn and Virginia (Rhodd) White. He married Novie Tisdell on May 17, 1974. He worked for the City of Shawnee water department.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Glenn and Virginia White; and three aunts.

Survivors include his wife, Novie; two sons, Jimmy White and Glenn White, both of McCloud; a daughter,

Regina White, Shawnee; three sisters and brothers-in-law, including a twin, Reta, and Billy Dunbar, Virginia; Sherry and Joel Foutz, New Mexico; Carol and Sam O'Hara, Wagoner; a brother, Gary White, Texas; and uncle, Tom Rhodd, Dewey; and many cousins, nieces, nephews and other family members.

Services were held at 2 p.m. Tuesday, November 2, 1999, at Hillsdale Baptist Church in McCloud. Burial was at Rossville Cemetery in Lincoln County, under the direction of Asa Smith Funeral Service of Harrah.

Johnnie L. Ogee

Johnnie L. Ogee, 81, a longtime resident of East Wenatchee, passed away Thursday, September 23, 1999, at his home following an extended illness.

He was born January 30, 1918 to John L. and Hannah (Scott) Ogee in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. He was raised and educated in Oklahoma. Following his schooling he worked for Douglas Aircraft. He enlisted in the U.S. Army serving during W.W. II. He returned to Oklahoma following his honorable discharge and worked for Oklahoma Natural Gas Company.

In 1955 Mr. Ogee moved to East Wenatchee and married Lorene J. Hammon on January 16, 1955 at East Wenatchee. He worked as a carpenter and was a thirty-five year member of the United Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners of America Local #2205. Johnnie was an avid hunter and fisherman. Following his retirement he enjoyed golfing and taking care of his orchard.

Survivors include his wife of the home; three sons, Johnnie, Scott and Ronald; one step-son Gary Hammon;

one step-daughter Marie Colquitt; one brother Phillip; one sister Emily Naughton, all of Choctaw, Oklahoma; 11 grandchildren, several great-grandchildren and numerous nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents, one brother and one sister.

Randy King Jones II

Randy King Jones II of Shawnee died Saturday, October 30, 1999. He was 18.

He was born March 30, 1981, in Shawnee to Randy King and Judy Kay (Wolfe) Jones. He grew up in Shawnee, where he attended school and played football in junior high and high school. He enjoyed working on his car and traveling.

Preceding him in death were his grandmothers, Elsie Mae Wolfe and Imogene Jones; and an uncle, Stevie Wolfe. Surviving are his mother, Judy Jones of Shawnee; his father, Randy Jones of Roanoke, Texas; sisters Jennifer Jones of the home and Kaydie and Randa Jones, both of Dallas, Texas; a brother, Brian Wolfe of Shawnee; a step-brother, Deken Oldham of Prague; a step-sister, Dakota Oldham of Dallas, Texas; grandparents Doris Wolfe of Shawnee, and Carla Gourley of Coweta; two nieces, Randee and Kelsey; a nephew Talon; and numerous aunts, uncles and cousins.

The family has designated the Randy King Jones II Memorial Fund at ARVEST American National Bank as appropriate for memorials. Services were held at 11 a.m. Wednesday, November 3, 1999 at Cooper Funeral Chapel. Burial followed at Resthaven Memorial Park under the direction of Cooper Funeral Chapel.

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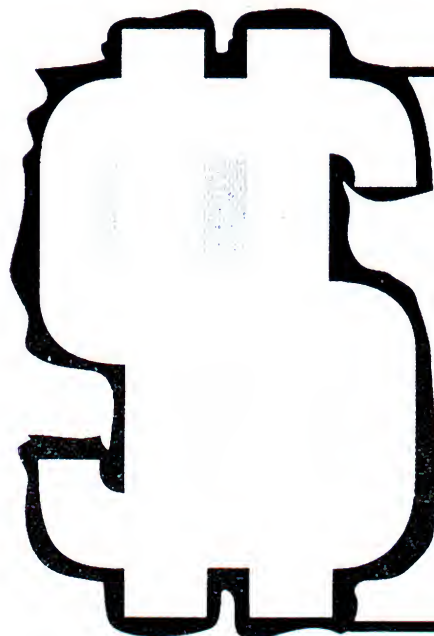
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TRIBAL TRACTS

Tribal elder was first woman in state working pipelines

Elder of the Month: Sarah Wilson

Remarriage has taken Sarah Wilson away from the Father Joe Murphy Drive apartment she had had decorated so tastefully and was enjoying tremendously. But, Citizen Potawatomi tribal member Wilson is living life to its fullest in Cushing, Oklahoma now.

Wilson has never been one who backs away from life's challenges. That certainly applies to her career in the workforce. Ten years as a nurse's aide at a Stillwater, Oklahoma hospital doesn't seem an unusual pursuit for Wilson.

However, when the *HowNiKan* reporter inquired about the time before employment at the hospital, he was taken aback by Wilson's answer. "I worked for Amoco Oil Co., and Gible Oil Co.," Wilson replied. "I worked on the pipeline in the field for Amoco."

Wilson, a petite woman of about five feet of height, is proud of a signal accomplishment racked up as an Amoco employee. "I was the first lady ever hired in Oklahoma (to work on a pipeline)," she said.

"I gauged oil, plumbed tanks, cleaned vents, and routed oil. It was pretty neat," she explained. (Editor's note: My father worked in the oilfields for nearly 40 years, some of it as a pumper, performing the tasks Mrs. Wilson described as part of her job. Thus, I know that to be grueling, physically demanding work.)

"It is hard work but I enjoyed it," Wilson told the *HowNiKan*. "It was good exercise. And, there's nothing that a man can do that a woman can't do."

Wilson liked the fact that there was an aspect of this job that required application of her knowledge. "You had



Wilson shows off redecorated apartment

to know when to open the (pipeline) gates, and which one's to open to get the product to market at the proper time."

"Women get into so many diverse things these days," Wilson said. She agreed that, during her days in the oilfields, that was not the situation. "I felt like a pioneer. But, someone has to start, be the first to do something new."

Wilson is an advocate of women's following their dreams, refusing to be

deterred by gender boundaries. "I have a friend, a Registered Nurse, who joined the Armed Forces to serve in the Persian Gulf War. With her husband's concurrence, she followed her dream. She really enjoyed it, felt that she was serving her country. And, that's what it's all about."

Before her remarriage and move to Cushing, Wilson was very appreciative of the opportunity to enjoy a clean, safe,

attractive apartment in the Father Joe Murphy Complex. Owned by the Citizen Potawatomi Nation and managed by the Nation's Housing Authority, the complex is located immediately east of the CPN Clinic.

"They've refurbished every one of these apartments, put in new appliances," Wilson said. "It has provided an opportunity for people in my situation to be able to afford a nice place to call home."

Wilson was effusive in her praise of CPN receptionist Pam Smith's assistance in decorating her apartment. Wilson said that, after returning to Shawnee, she visited the tribal administration Building and was impressed by the décor in the Title VI Elders Program area.

"I said, 'I must meet this lady'. I did meet her and complimented her. I told her, 'I would love to have my apartment done like this' and this neat lady volunteered to make my apartment look so nice."

Smith decorated Wilson's walls, selected curtains, and helped choose colors for Wilson's sofa and other items in her apartment.

"She's just really an interior decorator," Wilson said. "I just think she's fantastic."

According to Wilson, living in such an attractive apartment "helped my morale, it really does. I enjoy showing this off — and enjoy showing what Pam helped me do."

Since the interview for this story, Wilson has left the Father Joe Murphy Complex family to pursue new priorities in Cushing. We wish for her continued good health and much happiness.

18-year-old tribal member dies from gunshot wound

An 18-year-old Citizen Potawatomi Nation tribal member from Shawnee was shot and killed during what first appeared to be a Halloween prank. However, the incident could have roots in one man's obsession with another's wife.

Randy King Jones, Jr. died late on the night of Saturday, October 30 at a Shawnee hospital, according to Dude Howard of the Pottawatomie County Sheriff's Office.

John Douglas Bohannon, 29, has been charged with murder.

A Bohannon family member said that Albert Gilmore, in whose car King

had ridden to the Bohannon house, has a long-held "crush" on Sandy Bohannon.

The relative said that Gilmore and Sandy Bohannon had known each other at Shawnee High School more than ten years ago. The relative said that the Bohannon family did not know Randy Jones.

As the fatal encounter began, Jones was standing alone, outside a chain link fence that surrounds the Bohannon home. Sandy Bohannon stood in the doorway of the home, facing Jones and holding her baby, Caitlin.

Gilmore was in his car, about 50 yards away, as John Bohannon approached from

a building across the street, firing a .45-calibre semi-automatic pistol.

Jones was hit once in the back as he tried to reach the safety of Gilmore's car. Jones climbed into the car and was driven to a service station at Interstate 40 and SH 9A to call for assistance.

Jones was transported by ambulance to a Shawnee hospital at about 10 p.m. He died just before 11 p.m.

The two men who were accompanying Jones were not injured. The windshield and front right tire of the vehicle appeared to have been damaged by gunshots.

A Bohannon relative said that John

Bohannon believed his wife's and child's lives were in danger.

Jones' family has established a memorial fund to help with funeral expenses. Contributions can be made at any ARVEST American National Bank branch.

In addition, Citizen Potawatomi Nation employees accepted cash and food donations to help Randy King's family. Those donations were coordinated through Debbie Montgomery at the Citizen Potawatomi Nation Employment and Training Program at 405-275-3121 or 800-880-9880.

Holiday season perfect time to preserve family stories

Bozho Nicon,

These editions of the HowNiKan are coming to you late from our offices, so don't blame the mails this time. Our efforts to get a second class permit to improve the mailing of the HowNiKan is finally getting some attention from postal authorities. Let's hope.

There are a number of positions coming open in our organization. We desperately need to know who in our tribe has skills that we need. You members are our first resource for these new positions. A form will be coming to you early in the new year. In it you will be asked about your skills and career needs. Please respond.

The filing period for tribal elections is coming in March. The next election is for Committee Member #1. Present Business Committee member J.P. Motley told me he does not plan to run for re-election. I am informed that Lisa Kraft, a member of the O'Conner/Peltier family, plans to run for this position. She is highly quali-



From The Chairman

By John A. "Rocky" Barrett

fied and will make a good candidate. All candidates are encouraged to attend the Regional Council meetings so the members in each Region of the Tribe can get to know you before the elections. The dates of the Regional Council meetings are published in the HowNiKan.

I am grateful to Governor Keating for attending our groundbreaking ceremony for the new grocery store. I wish more officials in the State of Oklahoma could come to realize, as Governor Keating has, that Indian Tribes are revenue positive for Oklahoma. All of the objections raised about tribal enterprises not paying

taxes are so very short-sighted. Oklahoma legislators will fight to the death to save Tinker Air Force Base, or the other military installations. They don't pay taxes just like Indian Tribes. What they do, just like Indian Tribes, is create jobs. What they DON'T do, just like Indian Tribes, is buy all of their goods and services from the communities around them. The phrase TRIBES MEAN BUSINESS is true in many ways. It is certainly true of the Citizen Potawatomi.

I want to wish all of you a happy holiday. Please use this Christmas season to be with your family and share your heritage. As I have said in

past Christmas columns, the holiday season is the perfect time for tribal elders to give their most precious gifts, their stories. Our tribe has a long tradition of oral history. When the presents that are given this season are long gone and forgotten, the stories you share with the younger members of your family will live on. Your stories will be the stories that they will repeat when they are elders. So gather them around you, fathers and grandfathers, mothers and grandmothers. This is the time for giving. (If you can video or audio tape it, please do so. It may not seem so important now, but a voice and face to go along with the stories will make it so much more memorable for the next generation).

I hope this Christmas is joyous for all of you and the New Year full of good fortune.

Megwetch,

John A. Barrett

Nation's gift helps needy have happy holiday

By MICHAEL DODSON

CPN DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC INFORMATION

Again this Christmas season, the Citizen Potawatomi Nation has contributed to insure that all Pottawatomie County residents have an opportunity to experience a joy-filled Christmas. The Nation has donated \$5,000 to Operation Christmas.

"People from Shawnee and the rest of Pottawatomie County have helped make the Nation's business enterprises successful," said Linda Capps, Potawatomi Nation vice chairman. "We are so glad that we have the ability to help in ways such as this that meet needs and improve people's lives."

Set up in Shawnee's Municipal Auditorium, the Operation Christmas store offers an opportunity for less fortunate Pottawatomie County residents to "shop" — at no cost to them — for Christmas gifts and food for a hearty Christmas meal.

"It'll be more than 800 whom we serve this year," said Jimmie Hurst, store manager. "We do not turn away anyone who is eligible." Generally, people who are eligible for assistance through Department of Human Services programs are eligible to shop at the store.

Hurst said that the store opened to shoppers at 1 p.m. Monday, Dec. 13. The first shoppers were the volunteers who helped turn the Municipal Auditorium gymnasium into a well-stocked, attractively arranged store.

Shopping hours on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday were from 9 a.m. until noon and from 1-3:00 p.m.

"The children are the main people I



Present For The Presentation Of The \$5,000 Donation To Operation Christmas Were, From Left, Deputy Administrator Bob Trousdale, Business Committeeman Hilton Melot, Vice Chairman Linda Capps, Operation Christmas Store Manager Jimmie Hurst; Chairman John A. "Rocky" Barrett, Operation Christmas Treasurer Kresten Norholm, Operation Christmas Co-Chairman And County Commissioner Buck Day

look forward to helping," said Buck Day, Pottawatomie County Commissioner. "There are a lot of these children who would have no Christmas at all or, at least, not nearly as nice a Christmas without the Operation Christmas store." "It makes my heart feel good that we are able to offer this help to all these kids — and to the elderly and disabled," Commissioner Day added.

Hurst wishes all the Operation Christmas supporters had the opportunity to share the joy she experiences as the shoppers select their clothes, gift

items, and food. "I just wish everybody that donates to this store could come and see it," Hurst said, choking back tears of joy.

"The Citizen Potawatomi Nation's generosity has always been very important in making this project a success," Day said. "There have been many years when we would not have been able to pay all the bills without the Nation's donation."

"I just want to say 'thank you' to the Potawatomis," said Kresten Norholm, Operation Christmas treasurer. "As

treasurer, it's tremendous to wonder how we will pay our bills then to have a have check (come in) and we can just pay those bills."

My sincere apologies to Thomas David Morrison and Brian Joseph Flores, who were enrolled by descendency on February 24, 1999. Their names were omitted from the HowNiKan listing.

Mary Farrell, Director Tribal Rolls

CPN, Southwestern Bell partner in plan to provide wireless phones

The Citizen Potawatomi Nation and Southwestern Bell Wireless recently announced a plan to provide wireless technology as a tool to address community needs within the Citizen Potawatomi Nation and in the Shawnee area.

Earlier this year, William Kennard, Federal Communications Commission chairman, cited reports that identify a growing gap between the current trend of instant access to telecommunications and its availability to the nation's Native people.

In an attempt to begin reversing this development, Southwestern Bell Wireless approached Citizen Potawatomi Nation leadership to explore opportunities for a partnership.

"We became aware of a problem, and are seeking ways to use wireless technology to deal with a variety of social concerns," said Jane Gordon, Southwestern Bell Wireless Director of Operations in Oklahoma City.

"The Cellular Telephone Industry Association, of which we are a member, will provide wireless phones, and Southwestern Bell Wireless is providing the airtime for this project," Gordon explained.

"Two of our existing social betterment programs, *Citizens On Patrol* and *Call To Protect*, possess potential to be beneficial in this application," Gordon said. "We are looking forward to working with Citizen Potawatomi leaders to adapt and apply the best possible programs for their community."

The *Citizens On Patrol* program

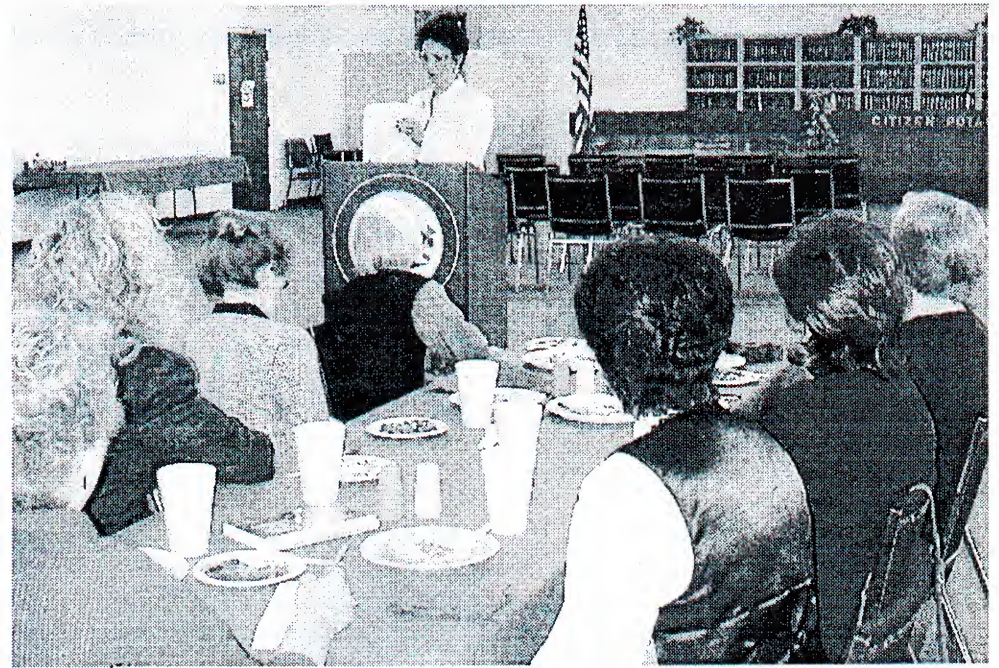
features the use of cellular technology to report emergency situations to the proper authorities. This gives the caller the ability to get help without depending on the availability of a land-based telephone line. There are several beneficial applications being examined for this program.

Call To Protect places Wireless phones in the hands of a people threatened by domestic violence. Experts agree there are critical times in the successful intervention of these volatile situations, and the presence of instant communications may often deter the offender or bring help faster.

"We thank Southwestern Bell and Southwestern Bell Wireless for their generosity," said tribal Vice Chairman Linda Capps. "Availability of these cellular telephones and the airtime for their use addresses situations that we have identified within Citizen Potawatomi membership."

"The Potawatomi Nation will adapt the *Citizens on Patrol* and *Call to Protect* program models to meet specific needs and situations. While remaining well within the spirit and intent of these programs, we will be able to meet the needs of Elders and others within the Citizen Potawatomi membership who lack convenient access to communications tools," Capps said.

Representatives planning the application of this timely program are Capps; Vivien Copelin, Southwestern Bell Wireless; David Arbuckle, Southwestern Bell Telephone; and, Michael Dodson, Director of Public Information for the tribe.



Capps Addresses League

The secret to handling diversity issues in the workplace and other aspects of modern living is application of the Golden Rule, an award-winning minority advocate told the League of Women Voters of Pottawatomie County Nov. 15. Linda Capps, vice chairman of the Citizen Potawatomi Nation and a member of the executive committee for the Southwest Center for Human Relations, reviewed tips for bias-free communications and ways to handle diversity issues in her talk at the League's monthly meeting. "We all have prejudices in our hearts; we were raised that way," she said. "The secret is to apply the Golden Rule." The League held the meeting in the Nation's Long Room as part of its effort to reach out into the community. (Photo Courtesy The Tecumseh Countywide News/Shawnee Sun)

Gun Lake Potawatomi recognized as sovereign

Against the city of Detroit's wishes, the federal government has officially recognized the Matchebenashshewish Band of Potawatomi of Michigan as a sovereign government.

In January, Detroit had temporarily blocked federal recognition of the tribe in southwestern Michigan out of concern that the tribe would establish a rival casino near Detroit.

The designation allows the tribe, also known as the Gun Lake Band, to receive the same federal health, education, and housing programs enjoyed by hundreds of other federally recognized tribes nationwide.

U.S. Interior Department Secretary Bruce Babbitt cleared the last hurdle for the tribe recently, denying Detroit's claim it had 'interested party' status and could therefore interfere in the recognition process.

"I guess there is justice after all," said D.K. Sprague, chairman of the 150-member tribe based in Allegan County, just south of Grand Rapids. "It's like David and Goliath and like David, we won in spite of all the power and might of the city of Detroit."

In January, Dennis J. Whittlesey, a lawyer for the city of Detroit, had argued that the tribe was considering locating a casino about 40 miles south of Detroit. That, he said, would affect Detroit's bids to successfully set up its own casinos.

CORPORATE FARM MANAGER DEGREE REQUIRED

The Citizen Potawatomi Nation is looking for an experienced Agricultural Operations Manager. The position will require an energetic, innovative, hands-on farmer looking for a secure career. This individual will be responsible for the profitable operation of 1400 acres of bottom land already in production. Must have knowledge of all phases of farm management, agricultural economics, and farm equipment repair and maintenance. Minimum requirements: BS in Agriculture and five years of experience in farming or related agricultural management. This is a full-time position with excellent vacation, medical benefits, retirement, and vehicle. Relocation to the farm is preferred. Closing date: 3-25-2000. Send resume and vitae to Shirl Eastep, Human Resource Director, 1601 Gordon Cooper Drive, Shawnee, OK 74801.

Brand-New Potawatomi

Lance and Ashley Rhodd of Arkansas City, Kansas are the proud parents of a 9 pound, 4 ounce baby boy born at 3:35 p.m. August 26, 1999 at South Central Kansas Regional Medical Center in Arkansas City, Kansas. The baby was 19 inches long and has been named Noah James. He joins sister Katy, 5 years old, at home. Noah James is the grandson of Max and Vivian Rhodd of Winfield, Kansas, great-grandson of the late Robert H. and Amy R. Rhodd, great-great-grandson of Noah J. and Etta (Tate) Rhodd. Maternal grandparents are Melvin and Trudy Masingale of Arkansas City, Kansas.



Eastern U.S. Regional Council Meeting



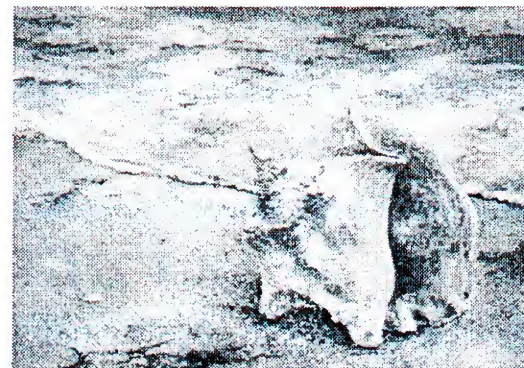
Linda Capps, Vice chairman, and Gene Bruno, Secretary-Treasurer, congratulate Carla Walker for her first place finish in the Regional Art Contest. She won with "The Dance", a set of dance regalia.



Walker joins Gland Hay, art contest second-place finisher, and Pauline Weingard, third-place winner, as they admire art contest entries.

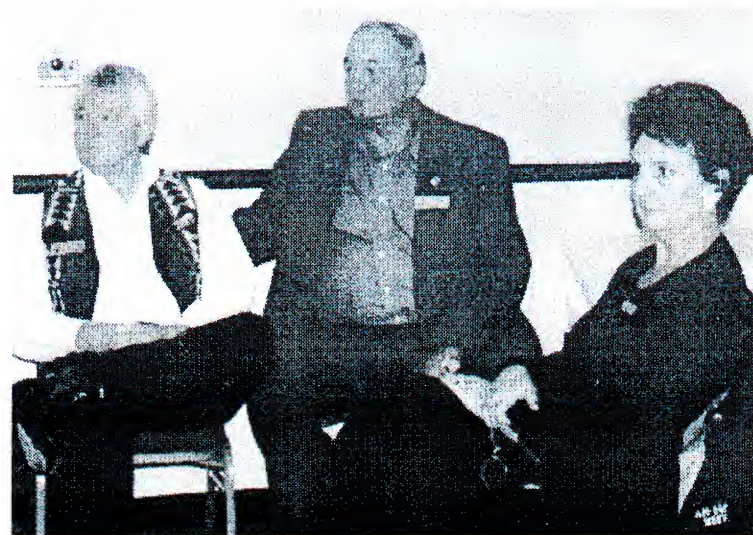


Some of the beautiful art entered in the regional Art Contest. The piece at right is "The Shell", which earned Glenda Hay a second-place finish.



Left: Tribal members enjoyed a delicious meal.

Right: Secretary-Treasurer Bruno, Committeeman Jerry P. Motley, and Vice Chairman Capps pay close attention to regional meeting proceedings.





Chairman Rocky Barrett congratulates Wisest Potawatomi at the regional meeting, Lenore Dusold of Reading, PA — a member of the Tescier family.



Jean Stark of Miami, FL came from farther away than anyone else to attend the Eastern Region meeting.



Chairman Barrett discusses the Nation's economic and governmental progress with tribal members.



At just one year old, Skylar Cook was the Youngest Potawatomi at the Eastern Region meeting.



As always, the traveling Potawatomi Gift Shoppe was a big hit with tribal members at the meeting. Deputy Administrator Bob Trousdale and Vice Chairman Capps drew clerk duty.



Grocery store goal is to 'bring dollars back into community'

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Special programs will reward customer loyalty and tie the tribe's enterprises together, he said. Customer loyalty cards can be used at various tribal businesses and points accrued which can be used to buy gas or redeem in other ways.

"What is most exciting for me is the community involvement," said O'Rorke, a past president of the Tecumseh Chamber of Commerce and active civic leader. "That's important to me, and they (the tribe) told me it was to them when they hired me. That's another avenue to help the communities ... One of our goals is to bring the dollars that are currently going out of the community back into our communities."

Barrett said the store will probably employ 250-300 people. "There will be good part-time and full-time jobs," he said. "It's important to us to try to attract some career people." And the money spent by the customers will stay in the local communities, he points out, and "will turn over four or five times. Literally 99 cents of every dollar will be spent here."

The longtime tribal chairman, whose leadership role with the tribe has seen its assets increase from an office in a trailer to the long list of enterprises it operates today, is aware there will be some criticism because the cities and state will receive no sales tax revenue from the store's operation. But, he believes, time will show the benefits to the community as it has with the tribe's other businesses. Already, those reacting to the news in the rumor mill have been "overwhelmingly enthusiastic about having alternatives," he said.

In fact, he sees the grocery store as the catalyst for economic development along Gordon Cooper Drive and U.S. 177, and hopes "we can work cooperatively to market the whole community ... This is a strategic shopping location" with easy access from Hwy. 9, U.S. 177, Hardesty Road and Gordon Cooper Drive. He said that when the four-laning of Broadway/Gordon Cooper Drive from Tecumseh to Shawnee is complete, "we'll become 'the loop' between the two cities ... Gordon Cooper Drive can become the southern mall."

Barrett envisions restaurants,



The Grocery Store Design Was Even Reproduced On This Cake, Served At The Reception Following The Groundbreaking

movie theatres and other recreational attractions developing nearby. "We've invested a lot in entertainment, and people go to Oklahoma City as a destination, not just to buy groceries. They eat out, they go to a movie, shop for clothes, etc. as well as food." While he admits that playing a round of golf at the tribe's FireLake course may not tie in with grocery shopping, he does see possibilities for a "riverwalk" project along nearby Squirrel Creek. The Potawatomis are contemplating creating a small

lake and making the stream an attractive place to visit as part of a trip to the tribal businesses.

In the meantime, the long-planned grocery store will move from the dream stage into reality in the coming months. While a sign that went up Wednesday morning speaks of Fall 2000, Barrett said it may be more like February 2001 before the cash registers start ringing. "There will be kinks to work out," he said, noting that the holiday season is not the time to do that. "We want to make sure it all works."

FIRELAKE DISCOUNT FOODS



COMING IN THE FALL OF 2000

Citizen Potawatomi Nation

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Vice Chairman: Linda Capps
Sec.-Treas.: Gene Bruno
Member: Hilton Melot
Member: J.P. Motley
Dep. Administrator: Bob Trousdale

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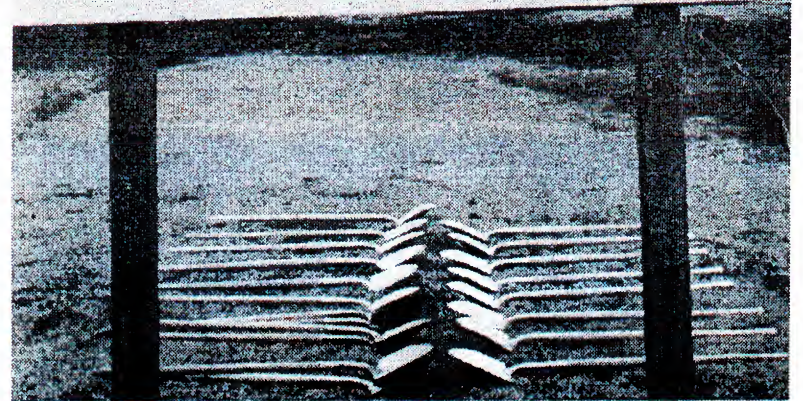
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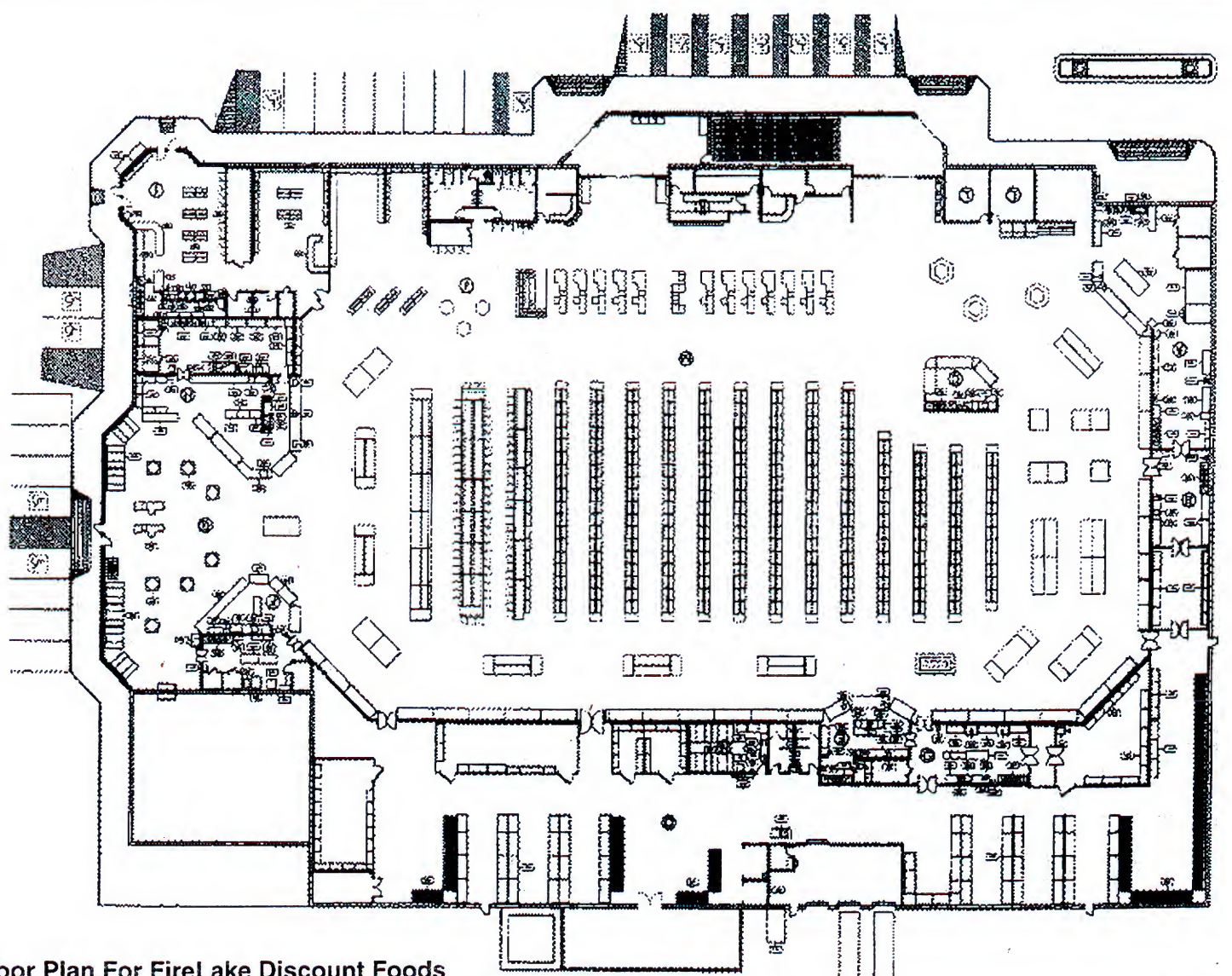
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Joe Dickinson- Hale-Halsell
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Don Reynolds, P.E., C.P.N.



The New Sign, With Shovels At The Ready



Floor Plan For FireLake Discount Foods



Ashley Snell, who allowed dad David Snell to tag along to the meeting, was the Youngest Potawatomi at the regional at 13 months old.



Vernon Peery of Denison traveled the farthest to attend the meeting. Chairman Rocky Barrett and Vice Chairman Linda Capps congratulate Mr. Peery.



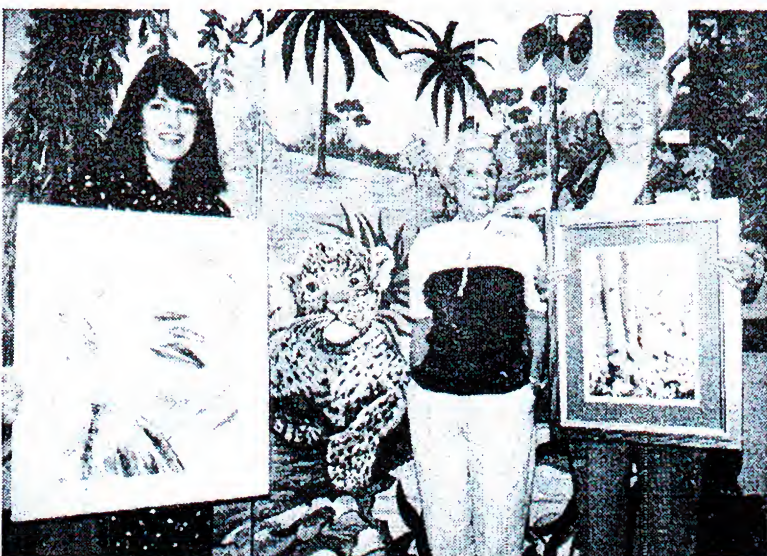
It was a big day for Dorothy Whitebread, the Wisest Potawatomi at the meeting and the winner of the Regional Art Contest.



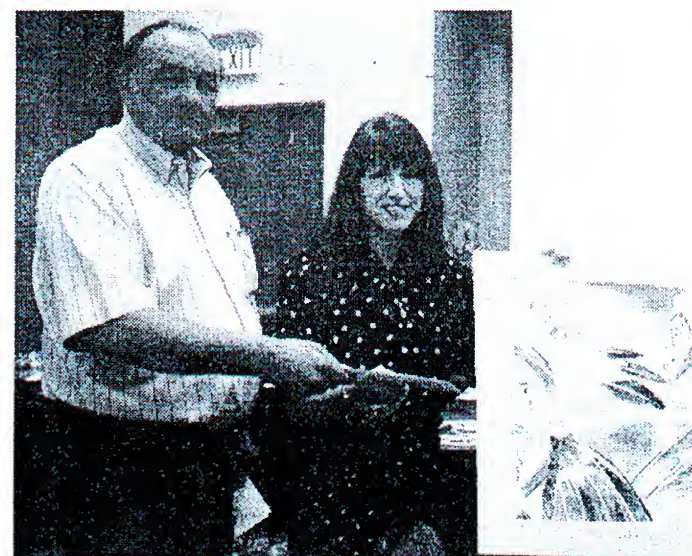
Shirley Carlisle-Jenkins of the American Indian Chamber of Commerce of Texas explained the organization and the work it does on behalf of Native American business and business owners.



Vice Chairman Linda Capps got able assistance from Thomas Snell with the drawing for door prizes — beautiful small versions of the Citizen Potawatomi Nation flag.



Left: Flanking Art Contest First Prize winner Dorothy Whitebread, Third Prize winner Donna Barnard and second place finisher Joan Green display their award-winning work. The trio is standing in front of Dorothy's prize-winning entry. Right: Business Committee member J.P. Motley presented Ms. Bernard her Art Contest prize.



North Texas Regional Council Meeting

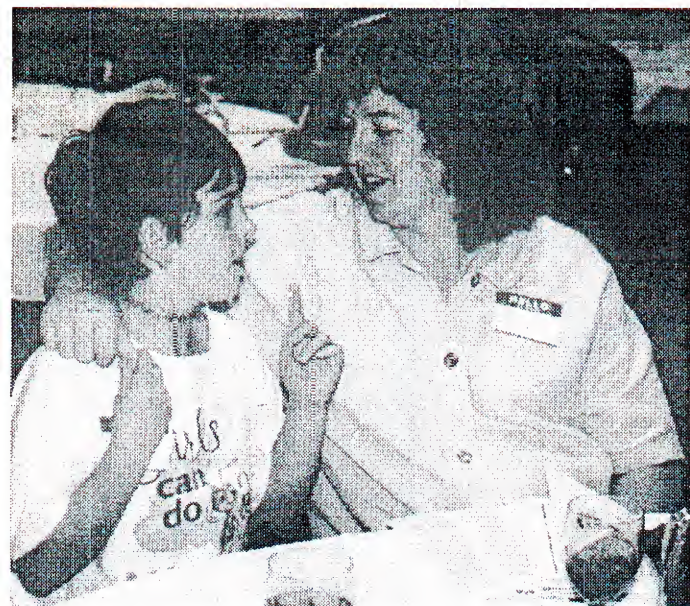
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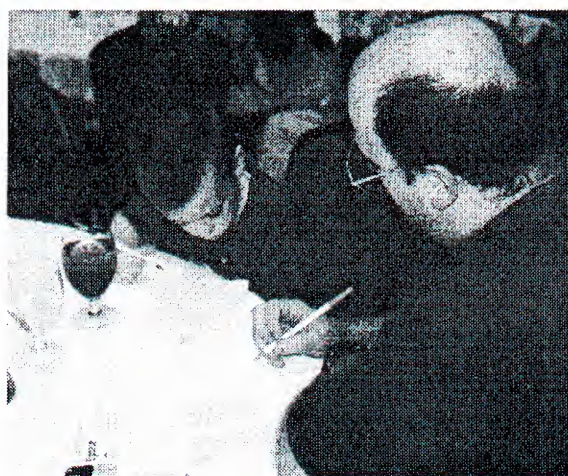
Chairman Barrett enjoyed the meeting immensely.



Bob Trousdale offered service with a smile at the traveling Potawatomi Gift Shoppe. (Bet the gift shoppe could have doubled receipts if he had auctioned off that colorful shirt!)

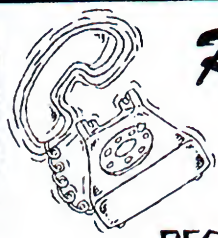


The future of the Potawatomi Nation was in abundant evidence at the regional meeting, as parents took time to begin teaching tribal traditions to their children. That is true even in those instances in which the children are adults, as is the case with David Snell and son Thomas (right), and Vernon Peery and members of his family (bottom left).



Lisa Kraft, a tribal member, has made a significant contribution as the Nation's archaeologist and director of its roads and NAGPRA programs. She is currently serving as a consultant to the tribe.





Regional Office Directory

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The Citizen Potawatomi Nation is divided into different "Regional Offices" to help cover the extended membership across the nation. Originally labeled merely by region names, regional boundaries were established in late 1997 using the US Postal Service "3 digit" Zip code areas. Region '0' is generally considered Oklahoma while the other states that are not numbered currently do not have an official "Region" designator.

REGIONAL REPORTS

Northern Texas

Greetings,

I am really sorry for all the people who are suffering through the rains and floods, but we sure could use some rain here. It's a sure thing it won't interfere with the baseball playoffs. They came and went in a hurry. Here in Texas, we don't believe in dragging things out in the Dallas/Fort Worth area or Houston.

My son, Davis Hobdy, and I went to a meeting of the Native American Business Alliance, an

organization that was formed in 1995. This is an organization to promote business development among Native Americans. It has an impressive list of corporate sponsors.

Davis and I were not sure what we were attending; he was invited as a prospective member as his dance company is a member of the American Indian Chamber of Commerce of Texas. If you are interested in obtaining further information about this organization, they

have a web site, www.native-american-bus.org.

At the NABA meeting Frank Swimmer-McLemore, Tribal Affairs Specialist with the U.S. Census Bureau Dallas Region, spoke on the subject of the Census 2000. Frank McLemore explained in clear and interesting detail how important it is to state that you are Native American on the census form to decrease the undercount of American Indian people.

— Marj Hobdy

Northern California

Bosho, Niconi,

Ni je na? How are you? We are busy, well, and happy here.

Thanks to tribal member Ray McAlister and his friend Linda Abeldt of the Manteca Chamber

of Commerce, we may have a good site for our meeting on March 4th. The building is borderline between Manteca and Stockton. I'll give you all the particulars when it's a done deal.

Please mark your calendars now and plan to gather your families to come.

Things get a little quieter during the winter months, but there are a few pow wows and gatherings happening. Be sure to check around and visit/be a part of these functions. They bring us together, which doesn't happen often enough.

A friend of mine shared a web site which might help those of you tracing your roots. It is http://www.nativeweb.org/resources/genealogy_tracing_roots/

I will list here once again the sites given to me by Mary Farrell in Tribal Rolls:

- www.familysearch.org This is Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints — the world's largest genealogical site.
- genforum.genealogy.com — This is for networking with others.
- www.ancestry.com — This has some free information and some for a fee.

Hopefully you will receive this in December, so may I wish you all a beautiful holiday season. Many blessings to you and your families.

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— Jennifer J. Porter



1999-2000

Regional Council Schedule

Denver	Sept. 25, 1999
Eastern United States ..	Oct. 16, 1999
Dallas	Nov. 13, 1999
Southern California	Jan. 15, 2000
Phoenix	Feb. 5, 2000
Northern California	March 4, 2000
Houston	March 25, 2000
Seattle/Portland	April 15, 2000
Kansas	May 13, 2000

REGIONAL REPORTS

TRIBAL TRACTS

Northwest

My People,

We are getting very close to a new century. I think back to where our grandfathers and grandmothers were when the 19th century started and wonder, if they worried about the world coming to an end or if there would be food to eat.

Some people are really getting nervous about this year 2000. However, we are making plans for our 2000 Regional meeting. It will be held April 15. So, as you make your way to the meeting, you can also drop off your income tax.

The place of the meeting is not yet determined but we will let you know as soon as possible. We also will have it on our web site, as we did last year.

The United States Census 2000 will be very important to our people. It is a time for our people to be heard. The Census only comes around every ten years. As leaders, we must invest the small amount of time to encourage our people to participate.

Census 2000 means that the voice of our Indian communities, our ancestors and generations of Indian people to come, will be heard. If we do not participate, we may not receive the services and programs we need.

In the circle of life, we speak not only for ourselves, but for all our Indian people. Generations are counting on this. Don't leave it blank. Claim your and your children's Indian nationality.

Any American Indian who is currently on active duty with, and those veterans who have served in, the Armed Forces of the United States of America, including members of the Armed Forces Reserve, can subscribe free to the Northwest Indian

Veterans Association newsletter.

Mail to: Northwest Indian Veterans Outreach-VAMC, PO Box 10355, Portland, OR 97207, or Phone 1-360-737-14144. The Northwest also includes our Washington State veterans.

They have a nice newsletter that gives a lot of information on telephone numbers, different veterans offices, latest updates of benefits for veterans, etc.

Last month, The Grand Ronde Tribe, under continuing legislative conflicts, finally reclaimed from museums the remains of 180 men, women, and children who had been stolen from their original burial places and incarcerated in museum vaults.

These people represent only a small fraction of ancestors who still remain in various museums, institutions, and private collections all over the United States and around the world. Current legislation may affect future Indian tribal claims. However, we can rejoice that this tribe's struggle has brought home tribal members to be laid to rest in their tribal grounds.

Hundreds of thousands of Native dead were taken from North American Indian graves, burial mounds, and cemeteries, with no regard given to the sacred nature of a human burial. I think that before people start digging up something and handling remains and the items they were buried with, they should consider how it would feel if this was their own grandparents or children. Would they want their family on display or used for scientific research?

Until later.

Pa-ma-pi,

— Rocky Baptiste

More scholarship recipients

The following students received a Tribal Scholarship for the Fall Semester of 1999:

Rhonda J. Honeycutt
Sheri I. Hanson
Michael R. Bourbonnais
Brian J. Martin
Michelle S. Smith
Jessica E. Lee
Marvin G. Ledyard
Robert L. Richerson
Christopher Robertson
Stanley Williams II
Justin T. Neely
Melissa G. Bomhoff
Julie A. Jacques
Ryan P. McMillan
Amy L. Birch
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Kimberly M. Blue
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Casey J. Burns
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Brian S. Overstreet
Brian E. Gayer
Jeremiah B. Coleman
Kristen K. Hoggard
Jennifer L. Austin
Rachel D. Reeves
Melissa L. Williams
Patrick M. Ward
Debra L. Perez

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Fresno City College
Southwestern Oklahoma State Univ.
Cowley City Community College
University of Texas – Austin
DeVry Institute of Technology
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Redlands Community College
University of Oklahoma
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Oklahoma State University
Kansas State University
Kwantlen University College
Oklahoma State University
Henry Ford Community College
University of Texas, Austin
Collin County Community College
Hastings College
Meridian Technology, Radiologic Tech
New Mexico State University
Texas Tech University
Kansas State University
Fort Lewis College
Southern Nazarene University
Oklahoma Baptist University
Southwestern Oklahoma State Univ.
Loma Linda School of Medicine
University of Oklahoma
University of Missouri at KC
OSU College of Veterinary Medicine
Metroplex Beauty School
Milpitas Electrolysis College
Merced Community College

MULTI-REGIONAL ART COMPETITIONS 1999-2000

GRAND PRIZE ART COMPETITION

\$150 First Prize • \$100 Second Prize • \$50 Third Prize

- All enrolled Citizen Potawatomi Nation Tribal Members are eligible to enter the Multi-Regional Art Competitions.
- Entries must be the work of the artist without assistance and must have been completed within two years of the Art Competition date.
- Eligible artists must submit their art in the region in which they reside. If an artist fails to submit his art in the region in which he resides, he is not eligible to enter any other Multi-Regional Art Competition.
- Each artist is limited to, but not required to submit, three (3) entries.
- Entries must be submitted to the regional director for display at the regional meeting.
- No entry fee or age requirements are placed on the artists. Artists of all ages are encouraged to enter the art competitions.
- Only one prize will be paid to each contestant. A contestant who wins more than one prize will be awarded the higher of the prizes.
- Artists who win first, second, or third prize, at any Multi-Regional Art Competition may advance their winning piece(s) of art to the Grand Prize Art Competition to be held in June.

**Painting * Photography * Prints * Sculpture
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For more information contact: Dennette Brand-Bare at 1-800-880-9880 or Citizen Potawatomi Nation Art Competition, 1601 S. Gordon Cooper Dr., Shawnee, OK 74801, or by e-mail at DBrand@Potawatomi.org

From Our Mailbox



To The Editor:

I am writing in regards to the scholarship fund the tribe provides to promising students. I received a scholarship during my junior and senior years while attending Oklahoma State University (OSU). These funds provided assistance during a time of what can be financial hardship.

I graduated with a Bachelor's of Science Degree in Accounting while achieving a grade point of 3.83. Throughout most of my education, I worked full-time while commuting to Stillwater and carrying a full load of classes. I speak of this only to emphasize the fact that the scholarship represented some financial relief.

After graduating in May 1997, I started working for Arthur Anderson, a Big 5 public accounting firm. Subsequent to being promoted to senior in September 1999, I was hired by Williams Vyx Services, a division of Williams Communications, as Contract Compliance Accountant. My younger sister, Paula Garman, is now a sophomore at OSU and plays for the softball team. She recently received a scholarship from the tribe, which has helped my family tremendously.

I have another sister, Brittany Garman, who is a senior in high school and is looking forward to starting college in the fall of 2000. I am hopeful that the tribe will provide her with the same assistance that has benefited both Paula and me. I wanted to express to you my gratitude for the scholarship, and wanted to show you the success it can bring. Without a college education, it is hard to compete in a crowded labor market with tightening economic factors. By providing this aid, many students will be able to obtain a higher education. Again, I appreciate the assistance and hope that others will be able to experience the rewards it can provide.

Sincerely,

Andrea C. Garman-O'Dell
Claremore, Oklahoma



Jacob And Fellow Middle School Students Look Over Their Inventory



Jacob And His Teacher With The Tribe's Donation

Young tribal member adds real-life lesson to math class

(Tecumseh) — In Shayla Spinharney's math classroom at Tecumseh Middle School, learning is not restricted to doing the lessons from the textbook and taking tests. To teach math and other concepts, Spinharney and her students have set up a small store in the school's gymnasium.

And 12-year-old Jacob Lackey, a Citizen Potawatomi tribal member and student in Spinharney's class, has demonstrated the initiative that has stretched the store's profits.

"I'm teaching math this year and I know that math is a tough subject for a lot of kids," Spinharney explained. "In order to make it real and make it fun to learn, I decided to put it into a real-life situation, something that they will have

to do one day."

At the class' store, students must "merchandise it, stock it, make decisions on where to best spend their money," Spinharney said.

The store has been successful. "When we are not open, such as on a day when I am not at school, our student customers are upset with that," she said.

Spinharney gives the student storeowners choices as they make decisions. "We have meetings in which we discuss and take votes on how to use the profits — are we going to go on a trip and use all of it or are we going to save half of it and re-stock the store so we can earn more profits."

The students do research on the items that should be avail-

able in their store. "They write lists and look through magazines and choose product that they know will sell," Spinharney told the HowNiKan.

"I think that we have learned more in this store than we could ever have learned in just a regular classroom setting," Spinharney said.

What Lackey did has to have required both initiative and some spunk, guts, chutzpah — although, being a modest young man, he downplays that. On his own, with no urging from anyone, Lackey set up an appointment with the Citizen Potawatomi Nation Business Committee.

The young man went on his own to a Business Committee meeting. He prepared his

argument, presented it, and earned a CPN donation to the student store.

Jacob's mother, Denise Lackey, a tribal member, is very proud of her son. "He has learned that one must take the initiative to ask for what is needed," Lackey explained.

Lackey also says that Jacob has learned, from the student store experience, that individuals and companies must invest money to make money, a valuable business lesson.

Jacob's success in making the request and the success the store has experienced have been valuable life lessons themselves, according to the proud mother.

Jacob says that he "just wanted to help the store and Mrs. Spinharney and to partici-

pate, as he decided to go to the Potawatomi Nation Business Committee with his request.

Lackey said it was not hard to ask for the donation because he has known most of the Business Committee members for much of his life. He does say that this success has given him confidence to tackle other projects. And, he is considering studying business in college.

Teacher Spinharney says the really nice thing about the CPN donation is that it will allow the students to invest in some inventory that they had not had the capital to purchase. She said that some of the extremely popular Pokemon items are now within reach of the tiny store's budget.

O MOTHER EARTH

By Lawrence William O'Connor, Chicago, IL

Never will I plow the earth.
I would be ripping open the breast of my mother.

Never will I strip mine the land.
I would be tearing off her clothes, leaving her naked.

Never will I foul the rivers.
I would be poisoning the veins of my mother.

Never will I kill the wild animals for no reason.
I would be murdering her children, my own brothers and sisters.

Never will I cut down the trees.
I would be breaking off the arms of my mother.

Never will I disrespect the earth in any way.
Always will I walk in beauty upon the earth my mother.

Never will I pollute the air.
I would be contaminating the breath of my mother.

Under the sky my father,
In the warmth of the sun my sister,
Through the glow of the moon my brother.

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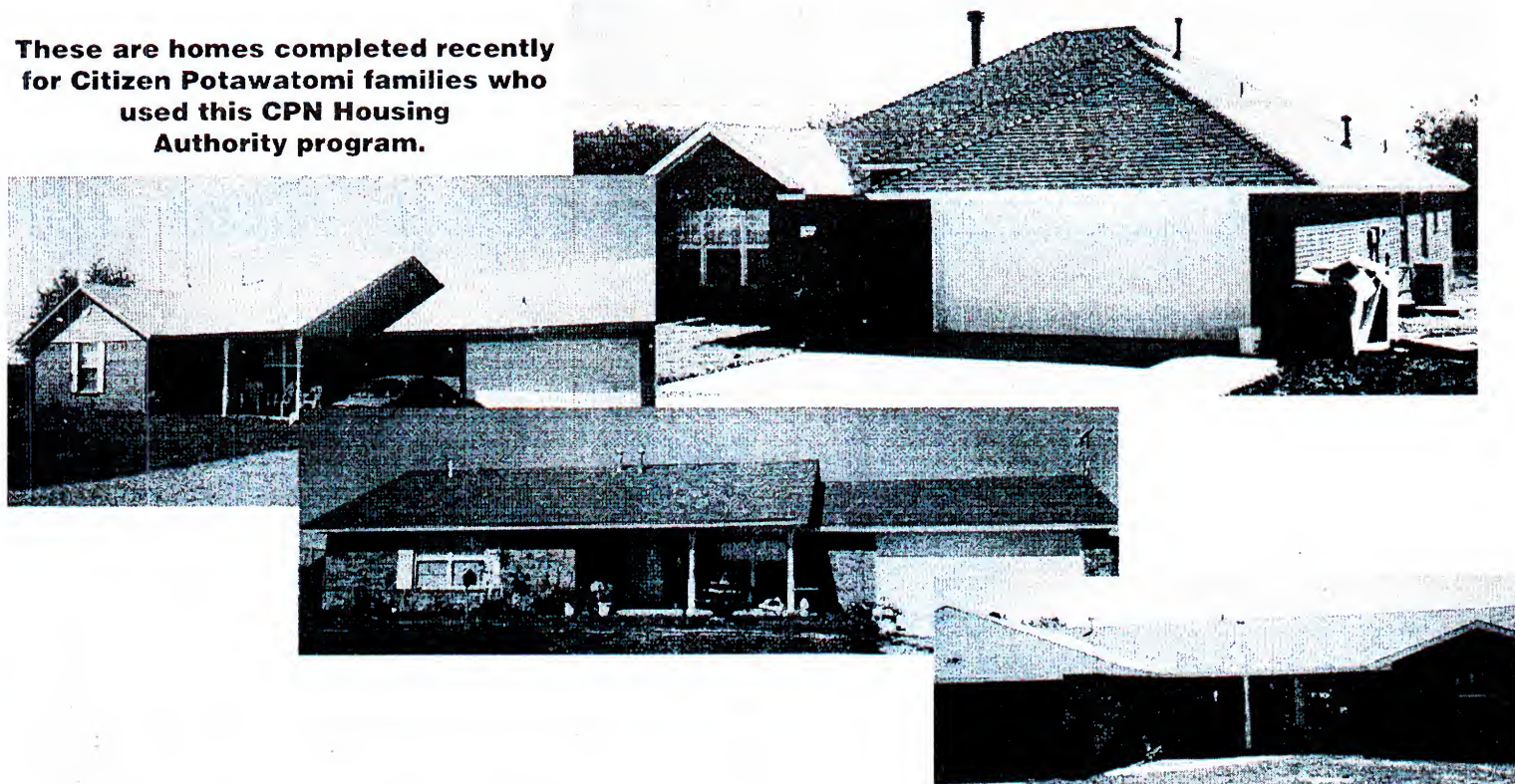
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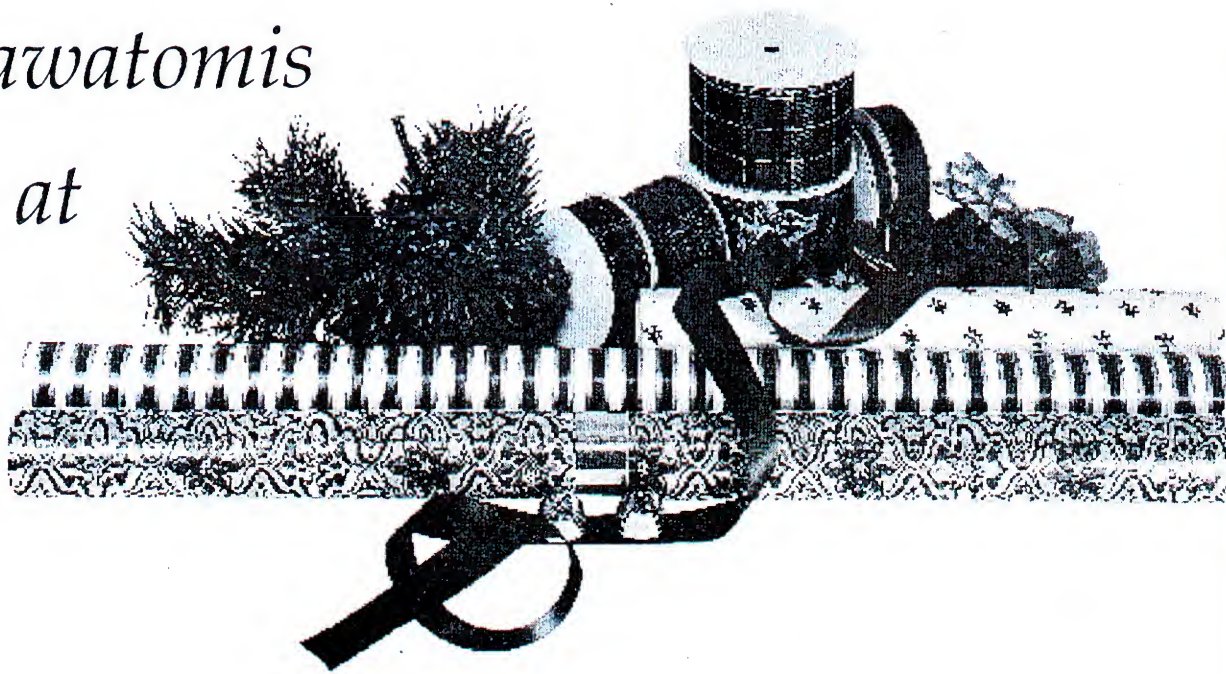


Littlehead Earns National Certification

Donnette Littlehead, Director of the Citizen Potawatomi Nation Child Care Center, has earned the *National Administrator Credential* from the National Child Care Association. Lynn White, NCCA executive director, wrote to Ms. Littlehead, "As a successful NAC candidate, you are to be commended and congratulated for your devotion to your profession and commitment to the children in your care." White added, "Nationally credentialed administrators represent a select group of quality individuals

who are important to the child care community. As the holder of an NAC, you stand head and shoulders above the rest. Display your certificate and wear your pin proudly." In the photo at left, Ms. Littlehead tends to little Aliyah Morris while Rocky Barrett, CPN Chairman, and Blue Stevens share a special moment. In the photo on the right, Chairman Barrett presents Ms. Littlehead her National Administrator Certificate, which she is very proudly displaying.

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